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OPTIMISM ABOUT OUTLOOK FOR SOVIET- JAPANESE RELATIONS CON -
TINUES TO BE REFLECTED BOTH AT PUBLIC LECTURES (REFTELS)
AND IN PRESS. MOST SIGNIFICANT RECENT PRESS COMMENTARY
APPEARED IN MAR 12 IZVESTIA BY KUDRYAVTSEV, WHO WROTE ONE OF
HARSHEST COMMENTARIES ON SOVIET- JAPANESE RELATIONS LAST FALL.
HIS EMPHASIS IN NEW ARTICLE IS ON GOOD- NEIGHBORLINESS,
REITERATING THE LINE THAT TANAKA MESSAGE TO BREZHNEV IS STEP
IN RIGHT DIRECTION. ALLUDING INDIRECTLY TO NORTHERN TERRI-
TORIES ISSUE, KUDRYAVTSEV SAYS THERE ARE NO SERIOUS , INSUR-
MOUNTABLE OBSTACLES TO GOOD- NEIGHBORLINESS IF ONE DISREGARDS
ARTIFICALLY INFLATED PROBLEMS RAISED BY OPPONENTS OF GOOD
RELATIONS. EUPHEMISTICALLY TREATING CHINA FACTOR IN GOJ
POLICY, KUDRYAVTSEV PERCEIVES GREATER JAPANESE " REALISM"
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IN RELATIONS WITH USSR IN " PRESENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION,"
OBSERVING THAT IT IS SENSELESS TO TURN RELATIONS WITH A
DETENTE- MINDED POWER LIKE SOVIET UNION INTO A DIPLOMATIC
GAME. LIKE MOST OTHER SOVIET COMMENTARY, KUDRYAVTSEV PLUMPS
FOR JAPANESE COOPERATION IN SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER
ECONOMIC PROJECTS.
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